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November 26, 2003

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MOTION TO SUPPORT H.R. 3480, MEMORIAL TO NONCITIZEN PATRIOTS ACT (ITEM NO. 7, AGENDA OF DECEMBER 2, 2003)

Item No. 7 on the December 2, 2003 Agenda is a motion by Supervisor Knabe that the Board support H.R. 3480 (Cunningham, R-CA), the Memorial to Noncitizen Patriots Act, and direct the Chief Administrative Officer to send letters to President Bush, Senators Feinstein and Boxer, and the County's Congressional delegation urging their support and early enactment of the bill.

H.R. 3480 would require the Secretary of the Army, in consultation with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, to construct a memorial marker in the Arlington National Cemetery honoring noncitizens killed in the line of duty while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States of America. The bill authorizes the appropriation of \$500,000 for the design and construction of the memorial marker, and also authorizes the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to accept donations for its construction.

The bill, which is co-sponsored by Representative Harman (D-CA), was introduced on November 7, 2003, and has been referred to the House Veterans Affairs Committee. which has not yet scheduled any action on it. There are no existing Board policies relating to the bill, and a position on H.R. 3480 is a matter for Board policy determination.

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